

# **Social Justice Events & Opportunities**

*as of Thu Jan 31, 2019*

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## **WCSPD Diversity Committee/Neighbors Link**

**Film Screening: *A Better Life*,**

**Fri Feb 1, 7:30 PM**

**Community UU Congregation 468 Rosedale Ave, White Plains, NY**

In light of the challenges currently facing undocumented immigrants in our country, the Diversity Committee of the [Westchester Center for the Study of Psychoanalysis and Psychotherapy \(WCSPD\)](#), partnering with [Neighbors Link](#), will host a screening of [A Better Life](#), a film that follows an immigrant gardener trying to make a better life for his teenage son. Join us for the viewing and conversation. RSVP: Irene Studwell ([istudwell@gmail.com](mailto:istudwell@gmail.com), 914-714-5880).

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## **“Moments That Survive”**

**Moms Demand Action Westchester Chapter Meeting**

**Sat Feb 2, 11:15 am**

**Ethical Culture Society, 7 Saxon Woods Rd, White Plains**

Join us for an important discussion in observance of Gun Violence Survivor Week. NYS Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins will address ways our new gun-sense majority is working to bring common sense gun laws to NY. We will share [new research from Everytown for Gun Safety](#) detailing the psychological and economic impacts of gun violence on our communities, including the impact of gun suicide and the disproportionate impact on communities of color, women, and children. RSVP: [https://act.everytown.org/event/moms-demand-action-event/18940/signup/?source=mdmo\\_MomsTakeAction&akid=&zip](https://act.everytown.org/event/moms-demand-action-event/18940/signup/?source=mdmo_MomsTakeAction&akid=&zip). Contact: Barry Graubart ([bsgraubart@gmail.com](mailto:bsgraubart@gmail.com)).

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## **Stronger Together Solidarity Fair**

**Sun Feb 3, 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM**

**Temple Israel, 1000 Pinebrook Blvd, New Rochelle**

Raise awareness, exchange information, and foster coalition building, unity, and solidarity against all forms of injustice in today's climate. Representatives from over 15 organizations spanning from grassroots, local, and national organizations such as HIAS and The Workmen's Circle will share information and answer questions about their work for social justice. RSVP to 914-234-1800 or email Howard Horowitz ([howardh@horowitzresearch.com](mailto:howardh@horowitzresearch.com)) or Yonat Assayag ([yonat.assayag@gmail.com](mailto:yonat.assayag@gmail.com)).

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**Fraked Gas Power Plant Protesters: Potluck and Discussion**  
**Mon Feb 4, 6:00 PM**  
**WESPAC, 77 Tarrytown Rd, Suite 2W, White Plains**

Join us for a potluck and discussion with four [New York farmers who were arrested last year](#) for using a tractor to block a cargo shipment destined for the Cricket Valley Energy Center construction site, a 1100-megawatt gas-fired power plant under construction in Wingdale, NY. Although New York State banned hydraulic fracturing for natural gas, or fracking, in 2014 because of health risks associated with drilling, Gov. Cuomo has continued to approve gas infrastructure like the Cricket Valley plant, which poses many of the same risks. RSVP to [wespacfoundation@gmail.com](mailto:wespacfoundation@gmail.com), and bring a food item to share. Free parking on site.

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***White Fragility: Why It's So Hard for White People to Talk About Racism***  
**WESPAC Book Discussion**  
**Tuesday, Feb 5, 7:00 – 9:00 PM**  
**WESPAC, 77 Tarrytown Rd, Suite 2W, White Plains**

The New York Times best-selling book explores the counterproductive reactions white people have when their assumptions about race are challenged, and how these reactions maintain racial inequality. Discussion facilitated by Joseph Barndt, American Lutheran pastor and anti-racism activist. You do not need to have read the entire book but please make sure you read at least part of it so that you can participate in the discussion. Plenty of free parking on site

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**Town Hall on Justice for NYS Farmworkers:**  
**Legacy of Shame, Harvest of Hope**  
**Tue Feb 19, 6:00 PM**  
**Yonkers Riverfront Library, 1 Larkin Center, Yonkers**

Stand alongside NYS farmworkers at a Town Hall. Learn more about the need for legislative protections, and what state lawmakers could do today to support the men and women who put food on our tables. This event is free and open to the public. [farmworkersny.org](http://farmworkersny.org), [ruralmigrantministry.org](http://ruralmigrantministry.org). [ruralmigrantministry.org/yonkers-justice-town-hall](http://ruralmigrantministry.org/yonkers-justice-town-hall)

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**Undoing Racism Workshops**  
**The People's Institute for Survival and Beyond**

*There are two Undoing Racism Workshops scheduled nearby in the coming months:*

**Weekend Undoing Racism Workshop**  
**Fri Mar 15 – Sun Mar 17**

Nyack Public Schools, Central Administration Building, 13 Dickinson Ave, Nyack, NY

**Weekday Undoing Racism Workshop**  
**Mon Mar 18 – Wed Mar 20**

Stony Point Conference Center, 17 Cricketown Road, Stony Point, NY

Register today - payment accepted after January. Contact: VCS at 845-842-9114 or  
[racialjustice@vcs-inc.org](mailto:racialjustice@vcs-inc.org)

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**Restorative Practices for Faith Communities Training**  
**Sat Mar 16, 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM**  
**First Unitarian Society of Westchester, Hastings-on-Hudson**

UUA training for lay leaders, youth, and religious professionals that introduces restorative practices to improve our communities' abilities to respond to tension, conflict, hurt, and disagreement. Restorative Practices are grounded in respectful, direct, and honest communication. We especially encourage youth leaders, committees on ministry, and congregation boards to attend. Childcare available. Attendance capped at 40 participants.

Contact Amy Kent ([akent@uua.org](mailto:akent@uua.org)). Register by March 11 at

[uua.wufoo.com/forms/zew7bn61r34jdf](https://uua.wufoo.com/forms/zew7bn61r34jdf).

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**Petition: The Department of Justice must immediately drop all charges against UU Volunteer and respect the right of volunteers to freely practice their faith by caring for migrants on the border.**

The administration is pursuing felony criminal charges against Scott Warren, a volunteer with the "No More Deaths" ministry of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Tucson, which provides water, food, socks, blankets, and emergency first-aid to migrants along the US-Mexico border. Learn more at [theguardian.com/global/2018/jan/26/scott-warren-no-more-death-](https://theguardian.com/global/2018/jan/26/scott-warren-no-more-death-arrested-migrants-water)

[arrested-migrants-water](https://act.faithfulamerica.org/sign/scott_warren?referring_akid=.558144.6xwLrq&source=taf)). Find the petition at  
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## From [Riverkeeper](#): Support the New York State Bring Your Own Bag Act

Reducing the use of single-use plastic bags is one of the most meaningful steps that New York can take to reduce pollution from single-use plastic. The NYS BYO Bag Act would ban single-use plastic bags and place a 10-cent fee on paper. The fee would help fund state parks, environmental programs, and free reusable bags for low- and fixed-income New Yorkers. Visit the [Riverkeeper Actions Page](#) to become informed and get involved.

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## [Family-to-Family](#) Sponsor a Family Program

Sponsor a family in need with a monthly box of groceries. Family-to-Family, Inc., is a grassroots nonprofit hunger and poverty relief organization in Hastings dedicated to providing food, personal hygiene products, and other basic essentials to American families struggling with the challenges of poverty. By connecting donors one to one with specific families in need, Family-to-Family's mission is to bring the large and seemingly intractable problem of poverty into personal focus, one family at a time. [family-to-family.org/sponsor-a-family](http://family-to-family.org/sponsor-a-family).

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## Better World Shopper

Better World Shopper is a website to help people make ethical choices as consumers to build a better world. Over 2000 companies are ranked based on their track record in these categories: Human Rights, Environment, Animal Protection, Community Involvement, and Social Justice. [betterworldshopper.org](http://betterworldshopper.org)